GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RAJASTHAN`S SHARE IN FLOOD WATER OF GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan claiming its share in flood-water of Ganga which could be diverted to the arid areas of the State;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(a) whether despite long passage of time no final decision has been taken by the Union Government and as a result drought prone Rajasthan continue to reel under water scarcity; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government would agree to supply 12 MAF of water from the surplus flood water of Ganga ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Government of Rajasthan submitted a proposal in 1984 for diverting 1133 cumec of Ganga water ex-Hardwar and 566 cumec of Ganga water ex-Bijnor for 100 day during Monsoon. The study conducted by Central Water Commission (CWC) to explore the possibilities to divert flood waters of Ganga for use in Rajasthan revealed that sufficient water was not available in Ganga near these two places for more than 20-30 days in a year for diversion to Rajasthan. However as a part of carrying out studies of National Perspective Plan, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has completed the prefeasibility studies of Sarda-Yamuna Rajasthan link. As per the prefeasibility report prepared by NWDA, Yamuna-Rajasthan link envisages 2.44 lakh hectare of irrigation benefit to Rajasthan. Survey and investigation for preparation of detailed project report of the link have been taken up by NWDA and is programmed for completion by 2007.